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FROM RSO TO SY AND ARA

E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

1. THIS REPORT GIVES A SUMMARY OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND  
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION DURING  
THE PERIOD FROM MAY 20-26, 1977.

2. ON MAY 20, 1977, LA RAZON REPORTED THAT MILITARY FORCES  
HAD KILLED TWO TERRORISTS IN A CONFRONTATION AT AV. DEL TRABAJO  
1357 AND HAD CONFISCATED WEAPONS, AMMUNITION, HAND GRENADES  
AND TERRORIST LITERATURE.

MAY 21: AT 0330 HRS, TWO MEN IN A TORINO OPENED FIRE ON TWO  
POLICE OFFICERS AT L. ALEM AND GARAY, WOUNDING ONE OF  
THE OFFICERS.

THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD REPORTED THAT HECTOR HUGO MAGNANA,  
TECHNICAL MANAGER OF A METALLURGICAL PLANT IN CASEROS,  
WEST OF BUENOS AIRES, WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY TWO MEN AS HE WAS  
ABOUT TO ENTER HIS CAR NEAR THE PLANT.

ON MAY 22, CLARIN NEWSPAPER REPORTED THAT A GROUP OF  
TERRORISTS WAS STOPPED AT THE INTERSECTION OF VELEZ  
SARFIELD AND ALBERDI AVE. BY SECURITY FORCES. ONE  
TERRORIST WAS KILLED DURING THE CONFRONTATION.

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MAY 23, BUENOS AIRES HERALD REPORTED THAT AT 2330 HRS  
POLICE IN THE BERNAL DISTRICT OF BUENOS AIRES (SGTS

PEREYA AND ROJO) WERE SHOT TO DEATH WHILE DRIVING THEIR FIAT  
BY EXTREMISTS IN TWO FORD FALCONS. THE EXTREMISTS  
TOOK THE POLICEMEN'S WEAPONS. ON THE SAME DATE IT WAS  
REPORTED THAT RETIRED POLICE INSPECTOR OSCAR P. DIAZ

WAS KILLED BY EXTREMISTS OUTSIDE HIS HOME AT MOZART 2478.

MAY 24 - AT 0450 HRS, FIVE MEN IN A FORD FALCON DISTRIBUTED MONTONERO PAMPHLETS IN THE AREA OF SAN ISIDRO AND ACCASSUSO. THE LEAFLETS REFLECTED A SPLIT BETWEEN THE MARXIST FAR FACTION AND THE PERSONIST FACTION OF THE MONTONERO MOVEMENT.

NOTE: POLICE SOURCES STATE THAT ONE ELEMENT OF THE MONTONEROS IS SEEKING TO SEPARATE FROM THE MARXIST ELEMENTS AND BECOME A POLITICAL PERONISTIC BASED MOVEMENT.

AT 0500 HRS, ONE MAN DRIVING A CHEVY SHOT SEVERAL TIMES AT A POLICE OFFICER POSTED IN FRONT OF THE CONGRESS BUILDING. THE TERRORIST WAS PURSUED, CRASHED HIS VEHICLE BUT ESCAPED THE SCENE. ON THE SAME DATE, LA RAZON REPORTED THAT IN MONTO GRANDE, IN GREATER BUENOS AIRES, A CONFRONTATION TOOK PLACE BETWEEN SECURITY FORCES AND 16 TERRORISTS WHO WERE ATTENDING A MEETING IN A HOUSE AT FRIBURI 1151. THE CONFRONTATION LASTED SEVERAL HOURS AND THE 16 TERRORISTS (12 MEN AND 4 WOMEN) WERE KILLED AND SEVERAL ESCAPED. TWO NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND A SUB-OFFICIAL OF THE PROVINCIAL POLICE WERE ALSO INJURED.

SECURITY SERVICES CONFISCATED ABUNDANT ARMS AND DOCUMENTS.

NOTE: INFORMED SOURCES STATED THAT THE SECURITY FORCES MAKING THIS RAID HAD NOT EXPECTED SUCH A LARGE GATHERING  
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OF TERRORISTS WHICH WAS HIGHLY UNUSUAL, BUT HAD INFORMATION THAT 2-3 TERRORISTS WERE MEETING IN A SAFE HOUSE. ONE OF THE TERRORISTS IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF AN INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ORGANIZATION BUT THIS HAS NOT BEEN CORROBORATED.

ON THE SAME DATE, A BOMB WAS PLACED IN A SYNAGOGUE AT CERVANTES 1039, IN THE VILLA LURO DISTRICT. THE BOMB CAUSED ONLY MATERIAL DAMAGE. THIS HAS BEEN THE SECOND BOMB IN THIS SYNAGOGUE IN THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. A BOMB EXPLODED IN A HOUSE LOCATED AT FLORESTA DISTRICT CAUSING ONLY MATERIAL DAMAGE.

THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD REPORTED THAT TWO TERRORISTS WERE KILLED BY SECURITY FORCES DURING A CONFRONTATION AT THE CORNER OF BERO DE ASTRADA AND LUJAN IN LANUS.

3. RSO COMMENT: SECURITY FORCES HAVE RECENTLY ENJOYED A HIGH LEVEL OF SUCCESS IN OPERATIONS AGAINST TERRORIST

ELEMENTS. MOST RECENTLY, WE WERE INFORMED THAT THE MEMBER OF THE ERP WHO HAD PLANNED THE OPERATION AGAINST PRESIDENT VIDELA AT AEROPARQUE IN FEB OF THIS YEAR AND THE DOCTOR WHO HAD PROVIDED THE INFORMATION WHICH LED TO THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST FORMIN GUZZETTI IN EARLY MAY HAD BEEN APPREHENDED. BETWEEN MAY 20-25, THE LOCAL PRESS REPORTS 21 TERRORISTS HAD BEEN KILLED IN GREATER BUENOS AIRES IN CONFRONTATIONS WITH SECURITY FORCES.

4. THE SUCCESS AGAINST THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, STRENGTHENS THE GOVTS POSITION THAT THE TERRORIST SITUATION SHOULD BE UNDER CONTROL WITHIN A YEAR.  
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